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DEATH PENALTY

A grim anniversary draws near, for it was ten years ago this month that tanks manned by North Korean reds ripped across the 38th parallel, spearheading the drive that resulted in the capture of the South Korean capital of Seoul a few days later, and triggered the United Nations "police action" that sentenced American boys to an agonizing see-saw operation of slaughter and betrayal over Heartbreak Ridge and to the long, bitter retreat before the onslaught of 200,000 Chinese Communist volunteers from across the Yalu River when victory over the North Koreans was within their grasp. It was nine years ago that the hidden masters of international intrigue permitted a cease-fire; and seven years ago this month that an armistice was signed after two years of "summitry" at Panmunjom in which the last hope of salvaging some semblance of American victory and prestige was talked to death.

Panmunjom was a logical sequel to the High Mountain meetings of Teheran and Yalta, where Stalin, Churchill, and Roosevelt--with Charles E. Bohlen and the now-notorious traitor Alger Hiss at his elbow--overhauled the kingdoms of the world, chopping them up, trading portions of them back and forth and consigning large segments of the population to Iron Curtain slavery; and to the Potsdam summit in 1945 at which Harry Truman, who "liked Old Joe", took up negotiations with Stalin where FDR left off, "Chip" Bohlen being present as adviser.

Panmunjom was a fitting prelude to the summit meeting at Geneva in 1955,where Khrushchev and Bulganin represented the Kremlin cut-throats and Eisenhower--with "Chip" Bohlen in attendance--agreeably carried out the diplomatic tradition of Roosevelt and Truman; and to the chaotic state of world affairs in which we now find ourselves at the mercy of the personal diplomacy of a weak and bungling President whose State-Department specialist on Soviet Affairs is the ever-obliging Bohlen.

The collapse of the Paris summit conference, the ranting, raging and insults of Khrushchev, and the lightning succession of "student" riots have added something new to the Eisenhower Doctrine: the necessity to cultivate the art of backing gracefully away when invitations are recalled and--in the present instances--the doors of Moscow and Tokyo are slammed in the presidential face. Tension mounts in the news headlines and the public is exhorted to "pray for Ike's safety":

POLICE IN TOKYO BATTLE ANTI-IKE REDS IN CLEANUP, USE TEAR GAS ON MOB — JAPAN NEAR REVOLT, TOKYO PLAN TO RESCIND BID TO IKE REPORTED, 1,022 HURT IN NEW RIOTS — FEAR FOR THE PRESIDENT MOUNTS — KISHI RULE TOTTERS — DIPLOMATIC DISASTER FOR U.S., CONGRESS FEARS LOSS OF PRESTIGE — FLEET GUARDS IKE — CHINESE COMMUNISTS SHELL QUEMOY.....

MARINES, NATIVES CLASH AS IKE VISITS OKINAWA: —AP dispatch, June 19: "President Eisenhower took off for South Korea today after a two-hour visit to Okinawa during which U.S. Marines with fixed bayonets held back nearly 5,000 demonstrators screaming 'Go home, Ike!' ....Eisenhower's brief stop in Okinawa turned out to be more hectic than had been anticipated. A battalion of U.S. Marines with full battle dress guarded both sides of the route his auto passed through here. They had drawn bayonets."

"FROM THE HALLS OF MONTEZUMA TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI". From the halls of Central High School in 1957 for the integration of Little Rock's white and black children at bayonet-point, to the shores of Lebanon in 1958 for purposes never fully explained; to the shores of Okinawa in the present crisis to protect Ike's person from the payoff of the Communist buildup to which he has consistently given aid--this is the lot of America's armed forces as the world revolution gains momentum and seasoned reds move in behind the student mobs for the kill.

"Yankee, go home!" is the jeering cry that greets them everywhere. "GRINGO, GO HOME!" headlined an AP dispatch from Panama in the San Francisco Examiner last November 28th: "Panamanian and U.S. Army troops joined forces and staved off a menacing mob of anti-American demonstrators seeking to march on the Canal Zone tonight. Thwarted bands then turned back to spread mob rule within this capital. 'Gringo, go home!' the demonstrators cried at the boundary. They burned Uncle Sam in effigy and stoned American soldiers...." "Go home, Ike!" shouts the red mob on Okinawa, and now the cry is so loud and menacing that even he can hear it.

No spot on earth is overlooked as a potential battleground on which to attack the defenders of white Christian civilization, and no means of turning a controversial issue to the benefit of the Communist cause is neglected, whether it be the "liberation" of the denizens of African jungles, the conditioning of Dixie for conversion to a black soviet, or seizing upon the exceptional advantages offered at the moment by the state of California as the focal point of interest in the question of abolishing capital punishment.

Outlawing the death penalty looms as an indirect means of recruiting a stand-by force of desperate criminals, and of encouraging the breakdown of law and order that, in California alone, has already taken an appalling toll of murdered and ravished children and women young and old, and of police officers shot to death in the line of duty. Red organizers sound the cry and quickly enlist the misplaced sympathy of gullible humanitarians in an abrupt switch from victim to criminal in the emphasis placed on the sanctity of human life. No such cry of horror was raised in the public press against Eisenhower's Status of Forces Treaty at the time of its enactment early in his first administration or at any time thereafter, though it deprives our servicemen stationed abroad of the protection of the Constitution and hands them, when charged with off-duty offenses, to local civil authorities for trial

and punishment under concepts of justice that may be startlingly at variance to our own. The unwelcome "Yankee", abandoned by the government that drafted and shipped him overseas, became the forgotten man, serving sentences in foreign prisons in 81 instances cited in the year 1957. In this connection an item appearing in the Oakland Tribune of March 24th last, in excerpts from letters of correspondents of the Chicago Daily News wire service, strikes a chilling note: "Some travel bureaus are warning customers not to take alcohol with them on a visit to Saudi Arabia. Under local laws, these warnings point out, the visitors might have a hand and a foot cut off."

The drive for abolition of the death penalty was given a trial run three years ago in the wake of the execution at San Quentin prison of Burton W. Abbott for the kidnapping and murder of Stephanie Bryan, a fourteen-year-old Berkeley schoolgirl, whose battered body lay three months in a shallow grave on a hilltop in Trinity County while her frantic parents awaited the result of Alameda County's most intensive search for a missing person. At that time an unsuccessful attempt was made in the state legislature to secure a six-year moratorium on the death penalty, in arguments based on the execution of Burton Abbott. The clamor for abolition of the death penalty became big business and everybody's business the world around as the notorious "red light" bandit, kidnapper and rapist Caryl Chessman recently walked his last mile of a twelve-year battle to escape his date with death in the gas chamber. It still echoes in the press. AP dispatch from Paris of June 18: "The execution of Caryl Chessman has prompted a new effort to abolish the death penalty in France. Rene Lecocq, a Gaullist deputy, said he introduced his bill to end capital punishment because of Chessman's execution."

Behind this controversy looms the horrifying spectre of a death penalty that threatens us all. DEATH is the certain penalty for criminal negligence in surrendering the fate of our republic, founded as a Christian nation, to bunglers and traitors whose fixed policy is to cater to the declared enemies of Christ at "the summit", and will be exacted if this policy is carried out to its logical conclusion —death for national sovereignty, death for our sons in needless wars, death to Christian civilization, and ultimately death for the white race. Eisenhower's dogged insistence on going the second mile with the despots of the Kremlin decrees the last mile for the Republic of the United States. Only a widespread awakening of the people, prompting a determination to heed Scriptural warnings, can save us:"Walk not in the counsel of the ungodly." "If there come any unto you, and bring not the doctrine of Christ receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed; for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." "Christ is the door of the sheep; he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (Shades of Khrushchev's raid on the U.S. in 1959 as an honored guest of the President!)

II Chronicles 8: 14: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Divine aid is ours for the asking.

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JUNGLE DRUMS — THE PAYOFF — WHITES ON THE RUN

As quoted by the Communist press abroad in May,1954,the American Negro Communist Paul Robeson, who had chummed with the Mau Mau terrorist leader Jomo Kenyatta in Moscow, reaffirmed his belief in peace and democracy as exemplified by the Soviet Union, linked the victims of Jim Crow in Dixie with the "massacre of my brothers in Kenya", and concluded in this burst of oratory: "The doom of imperialism has been sounded in all Asia and soon Africa and other colonial lands, now straining against their chains, will rise in mighty freedom...Change my mind? Gentlemen of the press, you had better change yours because what I believe in is happening!"

San Francisco Examiner,June 2, 1960: CONGO WHITE PANIC, THREATS BRING MASS FLIGHT. AP from Leopoldville,Belgian Congo: "Airlines laid on extra planes today to fly more and more Europeans from the Congo. Tension is rising to near panic among whites with the approach of independence. They are hastily packing off their wives and children in the wake of stepped-up anti-white threats published by African newspapers. Chief concern is for the white women. African propagandists are boasting they will be 'ours' after independence June 30."

Examiner photo caption of June 11,1960: "MARRIED—Singer Ertha Kitt and William McDonald, Los Angeles realtor" (obviously white) "are shown after their wedding at her Hollywood home on Thursday night." (Time Magazine of May 2, 1955 stated that Negress Ertha Kitt still recalls how voodoo charms were found in the matress after a relative died.)

U.S. News & World Report, current issue: "Sammy Davis Jr., who has been called the world's highest-paid Negro entertainer, announced in London that he would marry Mai Britt, Swedish movie star. Said Davis: 'I don't care if the children are polka dot.' Davis is a Jewish convert; Miss Britt a Lutheran. When 30 British fascists paraded to protest the marriage, Mr. Davis wept, said, 'This could never happen in the U.S.'"

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THE BIBLE AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT — Is the death penalty Scriptural? Yes, say Russell and Anne Ackley in their publication Portions In Due Season (3608 Josephine St., Denver 5, Colo.), citing these references: Genesis 9:6; Numbers 35:16,27,31; Matthew 5:17,18; and adding: "Some point out that an injustice is often done in executing an innocent person. Sometimes—not often—this is so, but not as often as an injustice is done by turning a criminal loose to prey again on a defenseless populace. After all, God has commanded this method of dealing with certain crimes, and if we obey Him we can be sure that He will rectify any injustice that may result,for this life is not all that there is." (Many desperate criminals, already facing life terms,would shoot it out with police or kill a prison guard in a nothing-to-lose gamble for freedom if the death penalty were outlawed.)